



Springfield Township Historical Commission

January 2, 2024

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-37

Meeting held in the Meeting Room at Springfield Township Library 1510 Paper Mill Road, Wyndmoor, PA 19038

NOTICE: The Historical Commission of Springfield Township is an advisory board appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The actions of the Historical Commission on any agenda items does not reflect a final decision. The Board of Commissioners must render the final decision on any agenda items

MEETING ATTENDEES

Name:		Name:	
Matthew Harris	Commission Chair	Heather Snyder-Killinger	Commission Member
David Sands	Commission Vice Chair		
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

Not present: J Devine, (1 vacancy remains for alternate)

Guests: None

1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson** Called to order at 6:02 PM by Chair Matthew Harris. Roll was taken and absentees noted.

1A) **Reorganization—election of Commission leadership for 2024 resulted in the following:**

Chairman	Matthew Harris
Vice Chairman	David Sands
Secretary	Al Comly

- 2) **Approval of Minutes Meeting HC-35 (December 5, 2023) Motion by D. Sands, second by H Killinger, abstention M Harris--approved**
- 3) **Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison: With Mr Standish's departure from the Board of Commissioners, there is no one currently identified as the Liaison with the Historical Commission.**
- 4) **Review of Agenda**
Mr. Penecale reported that there were no changes in status relative to Knipe (Willow Grove Ave) or Wild (Manor Road).
- 5) **Discussion Items and Appropriate Action ("Previous Business" and "New Business" in earlier minutes).**

HC-37.1 Mr. Comly and Mr. Harris attended the December 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Workshop Meeting to speak in support of the request for funding in the amount of \$25,000. Both felt that the response from the Commissioners was generally positive, but nothing formal has followed. Points made at the meeting included:

- o **Benefit of having an inventory list—maybe not the list envisioned in the ordinance, but at least a base line of structures thought to be important to the Township**
- o **What other resources are available? County, State. Are there examples of what other municipalities have done?**
- o **How does this work with work already done.**

Discussion centered on how best to move forward to the point where the actual expenditure of money would occur. The question of how prioritize the needs remains. All agreed that a work plan focused on importance and context was needed.

HC-34.1 The Commission discussed the merits of the Pennsylvania Certified Local Government Program (CLG) administered by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office (PA SHPO) for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). Attached to these minutes are the Guidelines & Procedures for Pennsylvania Communities and checklists relative to the requirements to participate in the CLG. Becoming certified in the CLG program offers opportunities in funding and technical assistance not otherwise available. It was agreed that more discussion was needed and closer review of our current status relative to the requirements would be undertaken.

Update—October 3, 2023 No additional action at this time.

Update—December 5, 2023 No additional action at this time

Update—January 2, 2024 Discussed as an option, but its believed an inventory is a pre-requisite to achieving CLG.

6) **Citizen Comments**

None

7) **Assignment of Member Action Items**

- **Resurrect earlier scoping documents for outside consultant to begin an inventory**

8) **Agenda for next meeting** *All new agenda items shall be forwarded to Mr. Penecale at least one week prior to scheduled meeting date*

9) **Adjournment** Adjournment at 6:50 PM on Motion by Heather Killinger, second by David Sands. **Next meeting date will be February 6, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the caucus room in the Township Building**

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA
Secretary